

**Meeting of the 4th Socio-Economic sub-committee
Held on Wednesday 3rd December 2008
At the Ennerdale Country House Hotel**

Attendees

Elaine Woodburn - Chair, Socio-Economic sub committee
Joe Clark - Prospect
Fee Wilson - Sellafield Ltd
Henry Wormstrup - WDTC
Phil Greatorex - Sellafield Ltd
Bill Anderton - NMP
Bob Churchill - NDA
Deb Muscat - Cumbria Community Foundation
Cath Giel - LLWR
Sue Hearn - West Cumbria Business Cluster
Cheryl Ireland - Sellafield Ltd

Observers

Tim Knowles

Apologies

Gary McKeating - West Lakes Renaissance
Colin Sharpe - West Cumbria Business Cluster
Peter Kane - GMB
Fergus McMorro - Copeland Borough Council
Dick Raaz - LLWR

Agenda item 1:- Welcome introduction and apologies by Elaine Woodburn

Elaine started proceedings by welcoming members. She explained there was a BNES event on in London therefore some normal attendees were double booked.

Agenda item 2:- Minutes & actions from 3rd meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were ratified

Action reference	Action	Status
05/02	Henry Wormstrup asked for an update on the ERM study	Bill Anderson, NMP informed the committee that one of the first things NMP will do is look at the lifetime plan and bring forward a revised baseline plan. The

		timescale is possibly 3-4 months. Bill will let us know when it is ready Status ongoing
01/03	Project EC4 – Housing Market Renewal. What are the areas of allocation (by district)? Mr McKeating to report back Project EC5 – Brown Field Sites. There will be two tenders potentially coming out. Who will be tendering for them? Mr McKeating to report back Project EC 8 – Industries for the future. Comment:- With regards to the Cumbria Vision action plan WBC has not been consulted. Mr McKeating to report this back	Mr McKeating unable to attend meeting. Status ongoing.
02/03	NDA to provide list of activities that they have supported.	List provided. Status closed
03/03	There is a suggestion that was raised at the NSG on having a demonstration magnox site for decommissioning	Joe Clark had a copy of the NDA Draft Business Plan 09/12 which declared ‘The NDA will not select a lead Magnox site for early clearance due to there being no disposition route for activated graphite and there being little possibility of funding. Status closed
01/04	Meeting on Sellafield Schedule 09 - 10 to be arranged when Schedule agreed by NDA.	Status ongoing
02/04	Deb Muscat to check on status of Coalfields Regeneration Trust under spend	Status ongoing
03/04	Letter for support for Westlakes Renaissance in support of West Cumbria being a potential site for New Build. Secretariat to write letter	Status ongoing
04/04	When will funding begin for the Copeland Community Fund? Elaine to seek clarification	Status ongoing
05/04	Secretariat to provide list of new Executive Directors of Sellafield Ltd	Status ongoing

Agenda item 3:- Vice Chair to be appointed

Joe Clark, Prospect was elected Vice Chair

Agenda item 4:- Progress on developing Communities that Work Strategy, Deb Muscat, Cumbria Community Foundation

Deb explained that the Committee was made up of representatives from Copeland Borough Council, Cumbria County Council, Allerdale Borough Council, Cumbria Community Foundation, NDA, Sellafield and UCLAN. Deb's presentation is attached.

Henry Wormstrup commented on there already being a plethora of organisations already delivering this strategy. Deb explained this strategy was for guidance and it would be able to identify the gaps.

Agenda item 5:- NMP to give a presentation on their Socio Economic plan, Bill Anderton

Bill Anderton gave the members a list of the new Executive Directors. He explained the Directors will report directly to Bob Pedde who is the Managing Director of Sellafield Ltd. NMP will consist of Charlie Anderson CEO, NMP West Cumbria, Jackie Corlett and Harold Ashurst. Charlie, Jackie and Harold will be based at Westlakes. Bill is an adviser and will also be based at Westlakes a couple of days a week.

Agenda item 6:- Developing Sellafield Ltd Schedule 2009 – 2010

Presentation attached.

Phil Greatorox hopes to share proposals by March next year however Elaine was concerned with the timescale. It was agreed to have a special meeting on the Plan mid to end of January 2009.

Agenda item 7:- Update on NDA Skills Strategy, Bob Churchill, NDA

The Skills Agenda was launched in November 2008.

Bob gave everyone a leaflet entitled 'Developing Excellent People, Skills and Facilities. This included the Skills Pyramid. Discussions followed. Sue Hearn would like to see more investment in the Nuclear Graduate Scheme. She added there seems to be an issue regarding the availability of teachers. Students want to do certain subjects but there does not appear to be enough teachers.

Elaine stated that if we lose our young people we lose our future.

Bob Churchill pointed out that worklessness has been brought to the attention of the NDA.

The NDA Socio-Economic Policy was agreed by Government in January 2008. Bob Churchill explained the NDA would be releasing funds in expectation of efficiencies and funding would not be allowed to carry forward. He added that the NDA would give strong preference to sustainable projects with a good quality business case.

The committee members were keen for the NDA to demonstrate outcomes and the values created by projects.

Agenda item 8:- Update on Copeland Community Fund

Elaine explained the financial sum agreed was £10million to be paid in two £5million instalments and £1.5million per year as long as vault 9 continues in use as a low level waste repository.

The Copeland Community Fund Board held has held its inaugural meeting with representatives from NDA, CBC and CCC. It has agreed to advertise for two independent members and this will happen in the New Year.

Cath Giel asked when the money will start to be paid. Elaine will seek clarification on this.

The fund objectives are to:-

- a) Make grants, loans or other payments; and
- b) carry out such other activities such as all the parties think fit

in accordance with the NDA socio economic policy but otherwise at the discretion of the Project Board to assist in the provision of benefits, to promote the social, economic and environmental well being of the inhabitants and the area of the Borough of Copeland.

The funding is public money therefore the right governance structures have to be in place, options considered on how the fund will be managed and invested and importantly a strategy is needed for the use of the fund and allocation of monies.

This will take a period of time so the fund won't be officially launched until the new financial year.

Agenda item 9:- Letter of support from WCSSG via Socio Economic sub committee for Westlakes Renaissance

Elaine explained that Westlakes Renaissance is putting forward an expression of interest in West Cumbria being a site for potential New Build. They would like this committee's support for this proposal. Support was agreed and a letter will be duly sent.

Agenda item 10:- Any other business

Henry Wormstrup commented on the under spend of the Coalfields Regeneration Trust.
Deb Muscat said she would check on the current status.

Agenda item 11:- Date of next meeting 3rd March 2009

West Cumbria Site Stakeholders Group – socio-economic sub group.

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A Social Investment Strategy for West Cumbria/ Communities that Work Strategy Update

This paper is to update the socio-economic sub group on the progress of the above strategy as outlined in Andy Beeforth's briefing paper for the meeting held on 2.09.08.

Ian Hill consultant was employed to undertake an analysis of existing data and information about the needs, issues and future prospects for socio-economic development in West Cumbria (the districts of Allerdale and Copeland). From this work arose the first working draft. It included:

- The vision for our communities (from Future Generation)
- Connections to other strategies and what baseline information guided the identification of the broad issues
- The guiding principles for the document and
- 4 broad objectives, each with its own action plan (see Appendix 1, 2)

The main Steering Group met on the 15th September to review the first draft. It was recognised that the document was not the finished article but was seen as a good first step. Further work was required on:

- What is currently being delivered under the objectives and where the gaps are
- How the needs of West Cumbria might be affected by the decommissioning of Sellafield
- Identify a clear list of priority/preferred activities
- How the strategy will be managed and how we will capture more detailed gaps and develop a more structured approach in the future.
- Presentation - a short and to the point document with easy to understand options is required as well as the more detailed.

A second consultant, Judith Brown, funded by Sellafield Ltd and UKNWM, was recruited for the next phase of the work. The lead agencies and key contacts have been contacted and Judith is currently drawing together the gaps in existing plans.

The working group felt that it would be useful to look at the objectives from the community/grassroots perspective. A workshop was held with community workers on the 18th November. We also contacted funders such as Northern Rock, Frances C Scott and Coalfields Regeneration Trust, regarding enquiries and applications they were not able to fund.

Judith reported to the working group on the 1st December. Three themes were consistent in all discussions:

1. **Raising aspirations of young people** – aspirational activities are limited and often the impact is eroded by the lack of aspiration of their family and peers.
2. **Health** - as this impacts on all aspects of quality of life

3. **Connecting people with existing services and activities** – a lack of funding and time are barriers for the agencies trying to engage with hard to reach individuals and for the community organisations who are best placed to facilitate this engagement.

The next steps will be:

- Workshops at the West Cumbria Community Conference – 12.12.08
- Briefing meetings with potential funders, NDA, NMP, CRT, etc
- Revised strategy, by mid January 09
- Steering group meeting - early February 09
- Final draft of executive summary and full strategy - March 09
- Implementation - April 09.

Appendix 1. Communities that Work Objectives

Objective	Priority Actions
Improve the life chances of individuals	1A Support lifelong learning to develop skills and confidence
	1B Increase self-confidence and raise aspirations
	1C Provide opportunities for leadership and participation in community activity
Reduce poverty	2A Support access to employment for people most excluded from the labour market
	2B Reducing financial exclusion by reducing debt and offering opportunities to save and borrow
Increase community cohesion	3A Increase participation in cultural activity, particularly at a local and community level
	3B Reduce antisocial behaviour and fear of crime
	3C Improve services in local communities
Improve the health of individuals	4A Encourage healthy eating
	4B Increase participation in sports and exercise
	4C Improve the health of babies and toddlers
	4D Improve individuals' access to sexual health services
	4E Improve individuals' access to drugs and alcohol services
	4F Improve individuals' access to mental health services

Appendix 2. Priority Areas

Developing the Sellafield Ltd Schedule of Spend: 2009/10

- Sellafield Ltd receives £3.1m through the NDA contract to deliver socio-economic benefit to the communities in which it operates. This level of commitment was described in the Energy Act (2004) and the Memorandum of Agreement (between NWDA, NDA, local authorities in Cumbria and the Government of the United Kingdom).
- The current year's schedule of spend was developed on the basis of BNFL's corporate responsibility programme and a number of historic commitments.
- The majority of the fund was allocated at the beginning of the financial year in several large blocks, most notably the West Cumbria Development Fund (£1.5m) and smaller figures e.g. to The Prince's Trust and Cumbria Community Foundation.
- Some funding is provided to encourage employee involvement in charitable causes ("match funding") and in response to requests for relatively small amounts of charitable support to organisations including MacMillan Cancer Support, British Heart Foundation, Age Concern, local girl guide groups etc.
- Money is also used to support educational initiatives such as the "Succeeding with Science" educational material, the community apprentices programme run via Gen II and a range of events organised to raise interest and participation in science, engineering and technology.
- We are currently evaluating a number of bids for funding including the Lighthouse Project in Millom and a number of "Into Work" programmes based in local areas of high unemployment.
- The development of the Energy Coast masterplan and the Communities that Work strategy, together with the confirmation of Sellafield's new parent body, provides us with the opportunity to look at next year's schedule of spend in a more strategic way.
- Sellafield Ltd will be working with NMP and the NDA to develop an approach to socio-economic spend which will be more co-ordinated and gain better leverage from the money available.
- We will engage with stakeholders as we develop the 09-10 schedule and will consult on our draft proposals.
- Hopefully this will deliver a programme of funding that will better reflect the social and economic development needs of West Cumbria, while still providing small-scale support for grass roots causes. We are committed to supporting our employees in their efforts to help their communities, and want to help develop local capacity in support of socio-economic objectives.
- Obviously this is a developing picture, but by working in partnership with the community, the NDA and NMP I'm sure we can get better value for money from our budget.

